

Appendix B. American Indian Farm Operators

During the 1992 and previous censuses, American Indian farm operations on reservations were enumerated at the reservation level, generally as a single unit. In the 1997 census, the historic methodology was used in conjunction with an additional procedure to count American Indian farm operators on reservations who were not counted individually.

Table A, American Indian Farm Operators: 1997, reflects the results of the methodological changes to enumerate American Indian farm and ranch operators. The table provides the total number of American Indian farm operators both on and off reservations. The "other" column provides counts of operators on reservations. The "individually reported" column provides counts of operators on or off reservations. This is the only table in the Volume 1, Geographic Area Series publication where

information for total number of American Indian farm operators is available. Other than the count of operators, information for American Indian farm operators who did not report individually was collected at or aggregated to the reservation level. Consequently, other published data treat each reservation as a single farm operation. State level data are provided in Table B, State Highlights of Farms Operated by American Indians: 1997. American Indian agricultural resources and production not reported by individuals are included in their respective reservation reports.

The term American Indian was used on the report form that collected the counts of on-reservation operators as well as the 1997 Census of Agriculture report form. The term American Indian represents persons who also would identify themselves as Native American or Alaskan Native.

Table A. American Indian Farm Operators: 1997

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	American Indian farm operators		
	Total	Individually reported	Other ¹
STATE TOTAL			
Arkansas.....	186	186	-
COUNTIES, 1997			
Benton.....	14	14	-
Boone.....	3	3	-
Chicot.....	3	3	-
Crawford.....	6	6	-
Faulkner.....	6	6	-
Hempstead.....	4	4	-
Hot Spring.....	4	4	-
Izard.....	5	5	-
Johnson.....	3	3	-
Little River.....	6	6	-
Logan.....	7	7	-
Lyon.....	3	3	-
Madison.....	12	12	-
Miller.....	3	3	-
Monroe.....	3	3	-
Polk.....	6	6	-
Pope.....	3	3	-
Randolph.....	3	3	-
Scott.....	5	5	-
Searcy.....	3	3	-
Sebastian.....	8	8	-
Sharp.....	3	3	-
Washington.....	26	26	-
White.....	8	8	-
Yell.....	5	5	-
All other counties.....	34	34	-

¹Data represent American Indian farm and ranch operators on reservations that did not report individually. Data obtained from reservation officials.

Table B. State Highlights of Farms Operated by American Indians: 1997

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Item	Farms operated by American Indians	State total of all farms	Percent of State total of all farms	
American Indian farm operators ¹	186	(X) 14 364 955	(X) .2	
Land in farms	29 239			
Estimated market value of land and buildings ²\$1,000..	30 807	16 255 201	.2	
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ²\$1,000..	3 607	2 510 490	.1	
Total cropland.....acres..	15 715	10 062 289	.2	
Harvested cropland	8 134	7 665 490	.1	
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing	6 902	2 008 011	.3	
Other cropland	679	388 788	.2	
Total woodland	8 191	2 327 890	.4	
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured	4 415	1 466 303	.3	
Irrigated land	2 234	3 717 217	.1	
Harvested cropland	2 234	3 705 976	.1	
Pastureland and other land	–	11 241	–	
Market value of agricultural products sold.....\$1,000..	12 056	5 479 692	.2	
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	1 359	2 188 026	.1	
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000..	10 697	3 291 665	.3	
Total farm production expenses ²	\$1,000..	8 220	4 161 029	.2
Cattle and calves inventory	number..	5 143	1 770 248	.3
Beef cows	number..	2 876	927 357	.3
Milk cows	number..	(D)	49 012	(D)
Heifers and heifer calves	number..	(D)	397 376	(D)
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves	number..	1 180	396 503	.3
Cattle and calves sold	number..	2 636	978 007	.3
Cattle, including calves weighing 500 pounds or more	number..	867	497 475	.2
Cattle fattened on grain and concentrates for slaughter	number..	82	27 795	.3
Cattle weighing less than 500 pounds	number..	1 769	480 532	.4
Sheep and lambs inventory	number..	123	8 284	1.5
Ewes 1 year old or older	number..	82	4 682	1.8
Sheep and lambs shorn	number..	86	5 188	1.7
Sheep and lambs sold	number..	78	5 836	1.3
Horses and ponies inventory	number..	249	40 076	.6
Horses and ponies sold	number..	48	10 052	.5
Crops harvested:				
Corn for grain or seed	acres..	–	184 079	–
Wheat for grain	acres..	194	763 388	(Z)
Oats for grain	acres..	–	8 062	–
Hay - alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	acres..	3 854	1 232 771	.3

¹ Includes operators on and off reservations.

² Data are based on a sample of farms.